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APOSTLE RICHARD R. LYMAN.

Address delivered by Apostle Richard R. Lyman, of the Council of the Twelve, at the 99th Annual Conference of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, Salt Lake City, Utah, April 5, 6, 7, 1929.

An ancient prophecy, in the second chapter of Isaiah, contains, in the first four verses, two notable predictions. In the fifth verse the prophet makes this telling appeal to the people of Jacob: "O house of Jacob, come ye, and let us walk in the light of the Lord." —Isaiah 2:5.

What People Desire to Know.

I received a letter the other day from Evanston, Wyoming. The writer said that in recent remarks in this tabernacle I indicated that there are characteristic differences between the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and other churches. My correspondent adds that I failed to point out the differences. I attempted then to point out that our missionary system is one of the characteristic features of our Church work. I hope this afternoon briefly to indicate another outstanding feature.

APOSTLE RICHARD R. LYMAN.

In the ninth chapter of the Acts of the Apostles, it is said:

"And Saul, yet breathing out threatenings and slaughter against the disciples of the Lord, went unto the High Priest.

"And desired of him letters to Damascus to the synagogues, that if he found any of this way"—that is, any who are disciples of the Lord, any of the believers in the Gospel of Jesus Christ—"men or women, he might bring them bound unto Jerusalem."

The Light and the Voice.

"And as he journeyed, he came near to Damascus: and suddenly there shined round about him a light from heaven:

"And he fell to the earth and heard a voice."—Acts 9:1-4.

He saw a light and he heard a voice. Later, Paul the Apostle appears before King Agrippa in his own defense: and, standing before this great king, he said, telling this same story:

"Whereupon, as I went to Damascus with authority and commission from the chief priests,

"At midday, O king, I saw in the way a light from heaven, above the brightness of the sun, shining round about me and them which journeyed with me.

"And when we were all fallen to the earth, I heard a voice speaking unto me." —Acts 26:13, 14.

Notice that he says: "I saw a light." "I heard a voice." It was a vision.

Effects of the Vision.

We have seen that Isaiah says:

"O house of Jacob, come ye, and let us walk in the light of the Lord."—Isaiah 2:5.

That light from heaven which shone into the life and soul of Saul transformed him from a man who was persecuting the followers of the meek and lowly Nazarene to one who thereafter gave them his most loyal and ardent support. It changed him from a man of hate to a man of love. It is that spirit—something that comes into the human heart—that we believe in these days results when one in authority, placing his hands upon those who are faithful and repentant, says to them, "Receive ye the Holy Ghost."

Ours is a land of liberty and freedom, especially a land of religious freedom. Its motto, "In God we trust," might well have come from that remarkable picture—that scene of which we all have read—Jesus the Son of God, in the Garden of Gethsemane upon his knees. That is the spirit which has characterized leading people of the United States in the entire history of our nation.

The Spirit of America.

Have you examined the special stamp issued in 1928 by the United States government? In the left-hand corner is this inscription: "1778"; in the right-hand corner, "1928"—one hundred and fifty years later. Between these two dates are the words "Valley Forge"; and on the stamp, the stamp of the United States government, officially made in the year of our Lord 1928, is Washington, the father of his country, upon his knees. The motto of our country, as it appears upon our dollar, is: "In God We Trust." To this land of liberty—of religious freedom—people came that they might worship God according to the dictates of their own conscience. During the first critical period, they were led by George Washington, who frequently and effectively sought divine aid.

The Wisdom of Franklin.

Standing in the Constitutional Convention, Benjamin Franklin said:

"Mr. President, I perceive that we are not in condition to pursue this business any further. Our blood is too hot. We indeed seem to feel our own want of political wisdom, since we have been running about in search of it. We have gone back to ancient history for models of governments and examined the different forms of those republics which, having been formed with the seeds of their own dissolution, now no longer exist. In this situation of this assembly, groping as it were in the dark, to find political truth, and scarce able to distinguish it when presented to us, how has it happened, sir, that we have not hitherto once thought of humbly applying to the Father of light to illuminate our understandings? In the beginning of the contest with Great Britain, when we were sensible to danger, we had daily prayer in this room for divine protection. Our prayers, sir, were heard; and they were graciously answered.

"To that kind Providence we owe this happy opportunity of consulting, in peace, on the means of establishing our future national felicity; and have we now forgotten that powerful Friend? Or do we imagine that we no longer need his assistance? I have lived, sir, a long time; and the longer I live the more convincing proofs I see of this truth, that God governs in the affairs of men."

The Faith of Lincoln.

No less a man than Abraham Lincoln, foremost and most typical of Americans, was wont to retire into his office, and there, behind a locked door, to appeal to divine providence for help and guidance. While the fearful Civil War was raging, Lincoln issued a proclamation setting apart the 30th day of April, 1863, as a day of fasting and prayer. In this choice land, "choice above all other lands" (II Nephi I:5), he appealed to the people to go into their various places of worship, to assemble around their own

hearthstones, and to appeal to the Most High for divine direction:

"Whereas it is the duty of nations as well as of men to own their dependence upon the overruling power of God, to confess their sins and transgressions in humble sorrow, yet with assured hope that genuine repentance will lead to mercy and pardon, and to recognize the sublime truth, announced in the Holy Scriptures and proven by all history, that those nations only are blessed whose God is the Lord;

"And, insomuch as we know that by his divine law nations, like individuals, are subjected to punishments and chastisements in this world, may we not justly fear that the awful calamity of civil war which now desolates the land may be but a punishment inflicted upon us for our presumptuous sins, to the needful end of our national reformation as a whole people? We have been the recipients of the choicest bounties of heaven; we have been preserved these many years in peace and prosperity; we have grown in numbers, wealth, and power as no other nation has ever grown. But we have forgotten God. We have forgotten the gracious hand which preserved us in peace and multiplied and enriched and strengthened us, and we have vainly imagined, in the deceitfulness of our own hearts, that all these blessings were produced by some superior wisdom and virtue of our own. Intoxicated with unbroken success, we have become too self-sufficient to feel the necessity of redeeming and preserving grace, too proud to pray to the God that made us.

"It behooves us, then, to humble ourselves before the offended Power, to confess our national sins, and to pray for clemency and forgiveness.

"Now, therefore, in compliance with the request, and fully concurring in the views, of the Senate, I do by this my proclamation designate and set apart Thursday, the 30th day of April, 1863, as a day of national fasting and prayer. And I do hereby request all the people to abstain on that day from their ordinary secular pursuits, and to unite at their several places of public worship and their respective homes in keeping the day holy to the Lord and devoted to the humble discharge of the religious duties proper to that solemn occasion.

"All this being done in sincerity and truth, let us then rest humbly in the hope authorized by the divine teachings that the united cry of the nation will be heard on high and answered with blessings no less than the pardon of our national sins and the restoration of our now divided and suffering country to its former happy condition of unity and peace."

The Powers of Heaven.

The spirit of America, the spirit of Lincoln, is most distinctively that spirit which appeals to the powers of heaven.

Considering now a time more recent, have you not all read the words written during the last sixty days by Calvin Coolidge, until recently President of the United States? He, an American with the American spirit, tells us just what he did when he learned officially of the death of President Harding. The word came to him in the night. He says: "I arose and put on my clothing"—and then, to quote his exact words—"before leaving that room I knelt down * * * and asked God to bless the American people, and to give me power to serve them." That act illustrates anew the spirit of our country.

One month and two days ago to-day, in the city of Washington, I had the genuine pleasure of listening to the inaugural address of President Hoover. His closing words were: "I ask the help of Almighty God in the service of my country." Do we not find in these words the spirit of America? That spirit is found not only in words that were uttered long ago; for these words express the actual spirit of America to-day. Our land has been made sacred by the prayers of its people.

Another Modern Instance.

Can anyone be surprised, therefore, that a hundred years ago, a boy fourteen years old, no more, seriously religious, and given

to reading the scriptures, was led, like these leaders, by the same American spirit? For when he came to the words of Scripture (James 1:5), "If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, * * * and it shall be given him," he followed this advice and sought his Heavenly Father in prayer.

How appropriate it was that in this religious country, following the example of its great men, he should go straightway into the sacred grove and there make his appeal to the Most High.

Visions of Long Ago.

Saul of Tarsus, afterwards Paul the Apostle, saw a light, heard a voice, beheld a vision. Since visions and revelations were possible then, are they not possible now? To those who accept this book called the Bible, to those who believe its words concerning Paul, may I not ask again: Since it was possible for him to hear a voice, to see a light, was it not possible for this boy, believing and hoping, also to see a light, to hear a voice, to receive a vision? We hold that as a result of this boy's visions, the inspiring prophecies I quoted at the beginning are now being fulfilled.

Consider another Scripture: John the divine heard a voice that said: "Come up hither, and I will show thee things which must be hereafter."—Rev. 4:1.

This is a strong statement: Not things that may be; not things that will probably be; but "things which *must* be hereafter."

John adds this declaration:

"And I saw another angel fly in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach unto them that dwell on the earth, and to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people."—Rev. 14:6.

We hold that the fulfilment of that prophecy came as the result of an appeal made by a boy with faith believing, as he knelt in the sacred grove. John the Revelator, with inspired insight had the vision, and drew the picture; and the angel he beheld has flown through the midst of heaven, bringing the everlasting Gospel to be preached to all people.

In the Tops of the Mountains.

We have seen that Paul saw a light, heard a voice. Joseph Smith saw a light and heard a voice; and as a result of his vision these prophecies have been and are being fulfilled.

Let us now return to the two quotations referred to in the beginning: "And it shall come to pass in the last days"—I draw attention to "the last days"—"that the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established in the top of the mountains, and shall be exalted above the hills; and all nations shall flow unto it."—Isaiah 2:2.

Over the radio or otherwise, you who desire to know something that is peculiar to the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, may take this as one of the characteristic things: The mountain of the Lord's house is established in the top of the mountains. It is here, exalted above the hills. Unto it all nations have already come. If I were to call the names of all the nations this afternoon and were to ask those to stand who have descended from people of these various nations, I believe there would be a demonstration that this outstanding prophecy has been and is being fulfilled.

The Present Spirit of Peace.

That is the first part. Consider now the second:

"And he shall judge among the nations, and shall rebuke many people; and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more."—Isaiah 2:3, 4.

That also is a prophecy now being fulfilled. Then come the words already referred to: "O house of Jacob, come ye, and let us walk in the light of the Lord."

Our papers, our literature, our magazines, have been filled during recent years with articles that endeavour to point out the way to peace. Peace is in practically

every issue. In the *Deseret News* last night I noticed an article, asking whether or not the entrance of the United States into the World Court will be given consideration in the coming special session of Congress. The League of Nations—see what it is accomplishing. Statesmen, scholars, educators, men of money, in every country are struggling to bring peace to the world. Clearly in fulfilment of this prophecy are the following: The Locarno pact, a marvellous step forward in the interest of peace; the effort put forth by the United States in the virile words, "The outlawing of war," in the Briand-Kellogg peace pact, made for the express purpose of renouncing war; the United States going into the World Court. The article that I read last night indicates that the President of the United States, while he has publicly expressed no definite opinion, has such an intense interest in the World Court that the new formula prepared by Elihu Root and the jurists of the nations will, without doubt, be acceptable to him.

"In the Last Days."

In all this we are not talking about the peace of one nation, nor of a few, but of many nations—all the countries of the world, the jurists of the nations, the wise men of our day. "In the last days, the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established in the top of the mountains."

The Lord is to judge among the nations, and to rebuke many people. They are to beat their swords into plowshares, their spears into pruning-hooks. Nations are not to take up swords against nations any more.

This is the place. This is the time. This is the Church. These prophecies are being fulfilled. I say unto you, who have gathered in the top of the mountains, where the mountain of the Lord's house is exalted above the hills, let us, in the language of Isaiah, walk together in the light of the Lord, that we may be united and walk in purity, love, honesty, and truth; that all prophecies made concerning us may be fulfilled.

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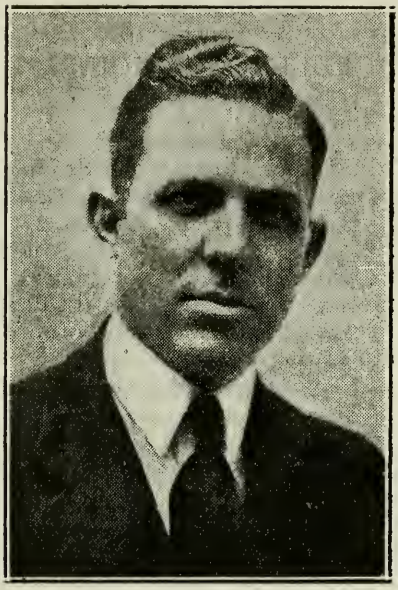

DON MACK DALTON.
President, South African Mission.

GENEVE J. DALTON.
President, Mission Relief Societies.

PROGRESS IN SOUTH AFRICA.

The eighteenth day of September marked the completion of seven months' missionary activity on the part of Mission President Don Mack Dalton and Sister Geneve J. Dalton, President of Mission Relief Societies, in the South African Mission.

During this period what might be termed a new era of progress has taken place with activities in nearly all fields enhanced and expanded in many directions.

The growth is particularly noticeable in baptisms, Book of Mormon sales, which have almost doubled in the period, in the strengthening of the local organisations of the branches, the vigorous encouraging of local priesthood activities, holding of more cottage meetings, and more hours spent in tracting. In fact, the motto for the mission has well become "Work for everybody and everybody working."

The Relief Societies, too, under Sister Dalton, have shown noticeable improvement in matters of organisation and other details, aided by her constant interest and fertile suggestions.

A colourful history is found in President Dalton's life to date. He was born May 12, 1895, thirty-four years ago, in the small Latter-day Saint settlement of Manassa, Colorado, the great-grandson on his mother's side of Asahel Smith, the Prophet Joseph's grandfather. About the same time Jack Dempsey, later champion heavyweight boxer of the world, was born in the same town, and the two boys became life-long friends.

Young "Mack" early showed signs of leadership while attending the district school at Manassa, and later at the San Luis Stake Academy, where he was made student body president and took part in athletics. In early Church work he also held the positions of secretary of deacon's

quorum, president of teachers' quorum, and district president on his first mission.

His father died when he was only a boy of eleven years of age. His mother, Hannah Daphne Dalton, with whom President Dalton is united in an exceptionally close bond of love and esteem, is now in her seventy-third year and is an ardent temple worker for her kindred dead in Salt Lake Temple. President Dalton cherishes as one of his most priceless possessions a collection of every letter ever written him by his mother, and has the unique record of never having left her, even to go to school, without kissing her farewell.

He filled a full-term mission to the Central States 1914-1916, and then joined the United States Artillery, as a member of which he saw service for twenty-three months, during five of which he was on the front line in the St. Mihiel sector in France, later being a member of the Army of Occupation in Germany for six months. On December 28, 1917, while in the army, he married Geneve Jorgensen of Castle Dale, Utah.

Returning from the war, Don Mack Dalton moved to Salt Lake City, where, with his wife and younger brother, Dr. Mark Ardath Dalton, now head of the Daphne Therapeutic Clinic, of Oakland, California, he attended the University of Utah, being graduated in 1923 with a degree of Bachelor of Law. Soon thereafter he was admitted to practice as an attorney and counsellor at law, before all courts of the State of Utah, and the United States Federal Court of that district.

In 1923 he was ordained a High Priest by Elder George Albert Smith, of the Council of the Twelve, and chosen first counsellor to George H. Soderberg in the bishopric of Burton Ward of Grant Stake, labouring for over five years in a bond of love with the bishop and Elders Paul I. Paulsen, second counsellor, and Fielding G. Burton, ward clerk.

He volunteered his services to the Church in 1927 to fill a short-term mission. This he did for a period of seven months, during which time he acted as field man for Mission President H. H. Rollapp, visiting, supervising and helping over one hundred missionaries in the Eastern States Mission.

While going to his field of labour in the Eastern States, Jack Dempsey invited him to his training camp, prior to the second big Dempsey-Tunney fight in 1927, which Elder Dalton witnessed from close quarters. Jack showed the greatest of kindness to him during this period and told him by all means never to follow the boxing game, in which President Dalton to this day is highly proficient. Dempsey also told him to be sure and stick to the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, into which Dempsey also was baptised while a boy.

In 1927 Don Mack Dalton won the nomination of the Republican Party for the State Legislature, but failed of election owing to a landslide victory by the Democratic Party, in that section of the state.

It was in December, 1928, that Brother and Sister Dalton accepted a call to preside over the South African Mission, shortly after the birth of their son, George Edward, who now forms a lively portion of the Dalton family life.

The Mission joins in extending to President and Sister Dalton heartiest wishes for continued success.

A Lecture Tour.

District President Ray William Ellsworth left Cape Town, September 17, to make a brief lecture tour of the Mission. He will spend two nights at each branch, giving the complete lantern slide lecture on ancient American ruins, scenic America and Church history. Dates for the lectures will be announced by District Presidents.

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EDITORIAL.

Subscriptions.

The subscription list of *Cumorah's Southern Cross* is growing fast. If you have not already subscribed, please do so at once. We have been sending a large number free to saints, and the elders have distributed a large number in their visits. Also friends and relatives of elders, and former saints and elders of South Africa, have been sent copies. It is not the purpose of the Mission to discontinue sending your copy, however; it may be necessary if it can be seen that you do not desire to help the journal grow.

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Dr. Richard R. Lyman.

Few men in all the world have the fine combination of bigness that Dr. Richard R. Lyman, of the Council of the Twelve, has. He is big in body, with a heart bigger still, and "is tall and sun-crowned and lives above the fog in public duty and in private thinking." The writer saw him and Presiding Bishop Sylvester Q. Cannon walking down a street in Salt Lake City, arm in arm, and the thought came to him, "I am living in a day of giants," not only physically, but morally, intellectually and spiritually. Dr. Lyman has a heart and soul that makes love and peace go to mankind. When he puts his big arm around one's shoulders, and with his calm, certain voice, assures one of the love of God toward the least of men, life then becomes sweet and joyous and happy and a greater desire to go to heaven by way of hard work in the Kingdom of the Master, together with obedience to his servants enters one's soul. Every reader of *Cumorah's Southern Cross* should read his sermon on "The Light" in this issue.

SPECIAL NEWS.

Conference season commenced in earnest on Wednesday, September 18, when Mission President Don Mack Dalton and Sister Geneve J. Dalton, President of Mission Relief Societies, and family, left "Cumorah" to visit all branches in South Africa and hold a series of what it is anticipated will be the most successful conferences yet held.

On a Sunday at each branch three sessions of conference will be held in order to give all elders and some of the local officers an opportunity to give reports and addresses. It is expected that the local organisations will make arrangements for several musical numbers at each session, and include some outside talent in order to help out the programme and reach greater audiences.

During the week that President and Sister Dalton are present at each branch.

general conferences of each auxiliary will be held. Sister Dalton will meet with all Relief Societies, and in branches where there is not yet an organisation, she will hold a general meeting with the sisters.

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While President Dalton was on his first mission, in the Central States, President Samuel O. Bennion frequently said to the elders: "Eat with the people and the Lord will bless them." President Dalton formed so many lasting friendships in this manner that he is going to ask that as many saints as possible make appointments with their District Presidents to invite Sister Dalton and him to noon and evening meals. In this way friendships will become warmer and hospitality given and enjoyed.

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The schedule is as follows:—

Kimberley: Thursday, September 19, until Monday, September 23. General Conference: Sunday, September 22.

Bloemfontein: Monday, September 23, until Monday, September 30. General Conference: Sunday, September 29.

Johannesburg: Tuesday, October 1, until Friday, October 18. General Conference: Sunday, October 6.

Durban: Saturday, October 19, until Thursday, October 24. General Conference: Sunday, October 20.

East London: Friday, October 25, until Friday, November 1. General Conference: Sunday, October 27.

Port Elizabeth: Saturday, November 2, until Monday, November 11. General Conference, Sunday, November 3.

Elders' Convention will be held in Cape Town the first two weeks in December, with General Conference of the Mowbray Branch on Sunday, December 8.

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On August 5, 1929, Doreen Jacomen Cloete was born to gladden the hearts of her father and mother, Brother and Sister Johannes Andries Cloete, who reside at Otjiwarongo, South-West Africa. Presiding Elder Lawrence C. Ratcliff, of Otjiwarongo, blessed the child on August 11.

Elder Wells L. Evans, who has been labouring in the South African Mission for over 33 months and on the Lecture Tour for the past four months, was released September 3, 1929. He is now employed in Johannesburg and expects to remain in South Africa for several months before returning home to America.

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Norah Glynn, sister of President Bertram J. Glynn, of Kimberley District, sailed for America on September 6. Her mother, Sister L. C. Ratcliff, of Otjiwarongo, accompanied her to Cape Town.

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Word of the death recently of Sister Margie Quick Lefgreene, at Ogden, Utah, has been received by Brother and Sister Petrus L. Stoman, of the Strand. Sister Lefgreene, who is the baby sister of Sister Tilly Stoman, was a member of the Port Elizabeth Branch before leaving for Utah eight years ago. She had been married to Howard Lefgreene of Ogden.

MISSION NEWS.

Transvaal.

No. 395, Commissioner Street, Johannesburg: Elder O. Layton Alldredge, District President.

Four new members were baptised and two children blessed in the Transvaal District during the past month. Sister Edith O. J. Engh was baptised at "Ramah" on July 31 by President Reed H. Beckstead, and was confirmed the same day by Elder O. Layton Alldredge. The following Sunday, August 4, President Beckstead baptised Brother Earnest J. M. Welch, Sister Dorothea C. V. Welch and Sister Myra H. Forbes. They were confirmed by Elders H. J. Smith, A. Kay Berry and O. Layton Alldredge, respectively. The two little daughters of Brother and Sister Welch, Yvonne and Dulcie Doreen, were blessed by President Beckstead and Brother L. G. Muir.

The elders were the guests of the Engh family, August 5, and enjoyed a holiday outing and picnic at Henley-on-Klip.

President Reed H. Beckstead left Johannesburg, August 9, for Durban, where he made a short visit with the saints and elders of that district.

There has been considerable illness in this branch which has temporarily impaired attendance at meetings.

Elder O. Layton Alldredge is now known as "Sister" Alldredge, at least in Relief Society, as he was unanimously sustained as president of that organisation August 13, following the resignation of Sister Mary Kruger. At the same meeting Sisters E. I. A. Hughes and Kate Smith were sustained as first and second counsellors of the Relief Society, and Sisters Isabell Hughes and Myra Forbes were made secretaries.

Elders Leroy H. Duncan, Charles W. Larson, Reed H. Beckstead and Sheldon R. Free met together in Johannesburg for several days' enjoyable visiting with saints and friends, before leaving for Lourenco Marques and sailing via East Coast to Europe and thence home to America.

Elder O. Layton Alldredge has been appointed to succeed Elder Beckstead as Transvaal District President.

On August 29 President Alldredge and Elder Berry visited Brother Cornellius in Krugersdorp, where they also did some tracting. Brother Cornellius and family recently moved from Durban.

President Don Mack Dalton made a flying business trip to Johannesburg, arriving September 2 and leaving two days later.

The M.I.A. sponsored an enjoyable "At Home" party at "Ramah," September 6.

Sisters of the Relief Society are now busily engaged preparing for a bazaar, while the M.I.A. will produce a three-act play soon.

Cape District.

"Cumorah," Main and Grove Roads, Mowbray: Elder R. W. Ellsworth, District President.

~~Four~~ 17 cottage meetings, attended by 127 saints and 33 investigators, were held during the past month in Cape District. The increased number of these little gatherings was made possible by the hospitality of eight families of saints and investigators, and the co-operation of many others, including members of the local priesthood who have assisted in conducting the meetings.

Local Priesthood Meeting is now being held in conjunction with Relief Society Meeting each Thursday at 7.45 p.m. at "Cumorah." Much attention is being given to local missionary activities and monthly report blanks are being given out, not only to those holding the Priesthood, but also to officers in the auxiliary organisations for recording this work.

Brother William P. and Sister Clara M. Daniels celebrated their birthdays, August 19, with a party overflowing with the bounties and joys of life, which, in accordance with their fine hospitality of past years, was attended by Mission President Dalton, the elders and other guests. Sister Dalton, who was sick in bed for a week, was unable to attend.

After a week's trip to Johannesburg and Kimberley, President Don Mack Dalton returned to "Cumorah" Saturday, August 7. President Dalton reports that he was happy to find the elders in both places working hard and accomplishing good results.

District President Ray Wm. Ellsworth and Elder C. S. Barker made a trip to Van der Stel and the Strand, Sunday, September 8, visiting Brother and Sister Sundstrom and family and Bro. and Sister Petrus L. Stoman and family. They report that the saints in both places are well and happy.

Attention is called by the sisters of the Relief Society to the cake and food sale which is held the first Thursday evening of each month after Relief Society and Priesthood Meeting. This means of raising funds for helping those in need is showing good results, and the only thing needed, say the sisters, is more cakes and other foods and delicacies to be furnished by the housewife, etc., and more purchasers and more money from the menfolk.

Three new homes have been opened to the Gospel during the past month, in Wynberg, following tracting, while a good

record was made in Book of Mormon sales, 33 being placed by the elders and 14 by saints.

Brother George Kehl, who was injured in a motor cycle accident last month, is now out of the hospital and active, though still handicapped by his injured arm.

East London.

No. 95, St. George's Road, East London: Elder George C. Maw, District President.

The gratitude and friendship of the saints and friends of this district was shown Friday evening, August 9, in a farewell social in honour of Elder Charles W. Larson, in the course of which several gifts were presented. Elder Larson left the following morning for his home in Zion, going via East Africa and Continental Europe.

District President George C. Maw and Elder Thomas Y. Wilson made a three-day trip to King William's Town, August 13 to 16. During their short stay there several new investigators were found, several hundred tracts and pamphlets distributed, seven Books of Mormon sold, one cottage meeting held, and two nights were spent with investigators and new Gospel friends. Many questions were brought up each evening which, with the help of the Lord, they were able to answer satisfactorily. The elders are much indebted to Mr. and Mrs. Behm for the hospitality afforded them in King William's Town.

An incessant rain storm proved no bar to four persons, August 28, when they were baptised in the Nahoon River. Sister Millicent Daisy Jubber and Brother Sowerby Cyril Futter were baptised by President Maw, and Sisters Beryl Daphne and Muriel Bernice Futter by Elder Thomas Y. Wilson. They were confirmed the same evening at a special meeting, each elder confirming the two baptised by the other.

Twenty-one Books of Mormon have been distributed in the District during the past month.

Port Elizabeth.

No. 23, Chapel Street, Port Elizabeth: Elder Clare B. Christensen, District President.

Elder Leroy H. Duncan arrived in Port Elizabeth, August 3, from Cape Town, to join President Sheldon R. Free for their journey homeward.

Many saints and friends joined together on the King's birthday, August 5, in a picnic at Humewood Beach honouring departing Elders Free and Duncan. Games and luncheon proved a real treat. On the evening of August 6 the saints and friends met at the railway terminal to bid farewell to the departing elders. Tears were shed by many.

A good percentage of the business men of Port Elizabeth and Uitenhage have been visited by the elders who have been successful in leaving a number of Books of Mormon with them.

In their two trips to Uitenhage during the month, President Christensen and Elder Winslow Hurst found the "flu" very prevalent, although the saints and friends seem to be recovering nicely and are now about their duties again.

There have been a number of cottage meetings held during the past month, with good attendance; more are anticipated soon in several new homes.

Port Elizabeth saints are keenly interested in the Book of Mormon co-operative missionary work and are giving the elders a lively race in this work.

Natal District.

No. 6, Michell Road, P.O. Box 2189, Durban, Natal: Elder Rex C. Ellsworth, District President.

On August 10 Elder Reed H. Beckstead arrived from Johannesburg; the same evening Elder Wells L. Evans also arrived in Durban, and the following morning Elder Charles W. Larson came from East London on the s.s. "Armadale Castle," while on Tuesday, August 12, Elder Sheldon R. Free arrived from Port Elizabeth via Bloemfontein. During the time the visiting brethren were here their time was occupied visiting the saints and friends of this district and in seeing the sights of Durban.

From August 11 to 13 Elders Evans, Beckstead, Larson, Ellsworth and Cutforth took a trip to Zululand. While there they had the opportunity of making

the friendship and accepting the hospitality of Mr. and Mrs. Geoff Essery.

On August 16 Elders Free, Larson and Beckstead left for Johannesburg.

While here Elder Evans lectured in schools in Durban and Pietermaritzburg, and, in addition to giving the people an interesting and educational lecture, gave them a knowledge of the true conditions existing among the Latter-day Saint people and distributed many copies of the Book of Mormon. On Sunday, August 25, instead of the regular evening services, Elder Evans gave the lantern lecture at which there was a record attendance for the Durban Branch. The only regret offered by those in attendance was that the lecture did not last long enough.

Bloemfontein-Kimberley District.

No. 34a, Old De Beers Road, Kimberley: Elder Bertram J. Glynn, District President.

Elders Leroy H. Duncan and Sheldon R. Free paid a short visit to Bloemfontein on August 7, renewing old acquaintances in this field where they once laboured.

District President Bertram J. Glynn left Bloemfontein August 3, spending the remainder of the month in the Kimberley Branch and attending the meetings there. Elder Herman J. Smith arrived in Bloemfontein August 27, from Kimberley, and returned there August 31, after meeting the Bloemfontein saints and friends and visiting with them.

Brother John Alton Coleman and Brother Allan Marcel Coleman were baptised August 31 by President Glynn in the Municipal Baths. They were confirmed the following day, the former by President Glynn and the latter by Branch President Clarence B. Spear. Sheldon Leroy Coleman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Coleman, was blessed by Elder Duncan, August 19.

Hilary S. Greenberg, second son of Brother and Sister Alexander Greenberg, was blessed, June 28, by Mission President Don Mack Dalton at the home of his parents; this item was overlooked last month.

In the Relief Society, during the past month, Sister Phyllis M. Hubert was released as second councellor and Sister May P. Greenberg as secretary, while Sisters Johanna Hubert and Phyllis M. Hubert were sustained as new second counsellor and secretary respectively. In the Sunday School, Sister May P. Greenberg has been released as secretary and Sister Hilda Hubert sustained in her place.

The Bloemfontein Branch address is now 69 Krause Street, Bloemfontein, instead of 19a Third Avenue. Brother Clarence B. Spear is Branch President.

KIMBERLEY.

On August 3 District President Glynn arrived in Kimberley Branch and remained until August 21. Elder Herman J. Smith, who has been transferred from Johannesburg, arrived here August 18. The two elders will now travel to and fro between Bloemfontein and Kimberley Branches regularly, making it possible for them to attend all meetings held in both branches.

On August 9, Elder Sheldon R. Free arrived in Kimberley from Bloemfontein, leaving on the 11th for Durban. During this time he was taken through the De Beers Diamond Mine workshops and the Pulsator, also visiting among the saints and friends.

Elder Leroy H. Duncan arrived from Bloemfontein August 12, and on the next day left with Elder Glynn for Modder River Station to visit Sister Fouchee, who is living about two miles from the station at a settlement called Retchie. On the night of August 13 they held a splendid meeting at which 36 interested people were present. The elders were entertained for the night by some very hospitable farming people, Mr. and Mrs. Le Rechë, whom they feel to thank very much, as also Sister Fouchee, who did all in her power to bring the people together for the meeting and who also boarded the elders for the two days. The elders hope to go out to Modder River once a month and hold meetings.

The Kimberley Branch is now headquarters of the Bloemfontein-Kimberley District, on account of being more central for the elders.

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